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VISIT OF GENERAL OF CHINA S PLA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the top ranking General of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has carried out a rare inspection visit to the disputed western section of the Indian border and has inspected troops at two sites that have been at the center of recent differences over incursion incidents near Karakoram Pass and the contested Pangong-Tso Lake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is the most high profile visit by a top Chinese leader to the region in many years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Government has seen media reports appearing in China which suggest that Xu Qiliang, member of Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Vice-Chairman of China's Central Military Commission inspected the troops of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the People's Armed Police Force in Xinjiang and Tibet in July, 2014. He is reported to have visited troop units in Hotan, Ali and Lhasa areas.